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DISPERSION AND DISPERSION SLOPE  
COMPENSATION

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 21, 2002 the finality of which is withdrawn in response to the RCE filed May 21, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A discrete dispersion compensation module for substantially compensating for dispersion and dispersion slope at a discrete location in an optical communications network transmitting signals on multiple wavelengths, the dispersion compensation module comprising:
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